

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, MARCH 1, 2016 2:00 P.M.**

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BE IT REMEMBERED that a Special Meeting of the City Council of Jackson, Mississippi, was convened in the Council Chambers in City Hall at 2:00 p.m. on March 1, 2016, being the first Tuesday of said month, when and where the following things were had and done to wit:

Present: Council Members: Melvin Priester, Jr., President, Ward 2; Tyrone Hendrix, Vice-President, Ward 6; Ashby Foote, Ward 1; Kenneth Stokes, Ward 3; De'Keither Stamps, Ward 4 and Charles Tillman, Ward 5. Directors: Tony Yarber, Mayor; Kristi Moore, City Clerk; Angela Harris, Deputy City Clerk; Allice Lattimore, Deputy City Clerk and Monica Joiner, City Attorney.

Absent: Council Members: Margaret Barrett-Simon, Ward 7.

The meeting was called to order by **President Melvin Priester, Jr.**

Council Member Stokes left the meeting.

ORDER APPROVING CLAIMS NUMBER 4313 TO 4597, APPEARING AT PAGES 672 TO 715 INCLUSIVE THEREON, ON MUNICIPAL "DOCKET OF CLAIMS", IN THE AMOUNT OF \$513,791.29 AND MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE PAYMENT THEREOF.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that claims numbered 4313 to 4597 appearing at pages 672 to 715, inclusive thereon, in the Municipal "Docket of Claims", in the aggregate amount of \$513,791.29 are hereby approved for payment and said amount is expressly appropriated for the immediate payment thereof.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that there is appropriated from the various funds the sums necessary to be transferred to other funds for the purpose of paying the claims as follows:

		TO
		ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
FROM:		FUND
EARLY CHILDHOOD (DAYCARE)		3,356.69
FIRE PROTECTION		4,576.65
GENERAL FUND		70,062.74
HOUSING COMM DEV ACT (CDBG) FD		16.59
LANDFILL/SANITAITON FUND		5,379.50
PARKS & RECR FUND		21,478.99
SAMSHA – 1 U79 SM061630-01		263.20
SEIZURE & FORFEITED PROP-STATE		21,485.02
TECHNOLOGY FUND		188,894.48
TRANSPORTATION FUND		4,982.57
WATER/SEWER CAPITAL IMPR FUND		25,000.00
WATER/SEWER OP & MAINT FUND		132,524.39
WATER/SEWER REVENUE FUND		35,770.47

TOTAL **\$513,791.29**

Council Member Hendrix moved adoption; **Council Member Priester** seconded.

President Priester recognized, **Michelle Day**, Deputy Director of Administration, who provided the Council with a brief overview of the Claims Docket at the request of **President Priester**.

Thereafter, **President Priester** called for a vote on the Claims Docket:

Yeas- Foote, Hendrix and Priester.
Nays- Stamps and Tillman.
Absent- Barrett-Simon and Stokes.

Council Member Stokes returned to the meeting.

ORDER APPROVING GROSS PAYROLL INCLUDING PAYROLL DEDUCTION CLAIMS NUMBERED 4313 TO 4597 AND MAKING APPROPRIATION FOR THE PAYMENT THEREOF.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that payroll deduction claims numbered 4313 to 4597 inclusive therein, in the Municipal "Docket of Claims", in the aggregate amount of \$265,240.89 plus payroll, are approved for payment and necessary amounts are appropriated from various municipal funds for transfer to the payroll fund for the immediate payment thereof.

IT IS FINALLY ORDERED that the following expenditures from the accounts payable fund be made in order to pay amounts transferred thereto from the payroll fund for payment of the payroll deduction claims authorized herein for payment:

FROM:	TO ACCOUNTS PAYABLE FUND	TO PAYROLL FUND
GENERAL FUND		34,471.72
PARKS & RECR FUND		20,910.68
LANDFILL FUND		5,385.54
SENIOR AIDES		7,269.79
WATER/SEWER OPER & MAINT		24,633.07
PAYROLL	265,240.89	
EARLY CHILDHOOD		2,730.52

TOTAL **\$95,401.32**

Council Member Stokes moved adoption; **Council Member Stamps** seconded.

Yeas- Foote, Hendrix, Priester, Stamps, Stokes and Tillman.
Nays- None.
Absent- Barrett-Simon.

DISCUSSION: FINANCE: **President Priester** recognized **Marshand Crisler**, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, who introduced **Michael Thomas**, President of Systems Companies via teleconference who provided Council with an overview of the consultant services that his company would provide to help assistance the City with its finances.

DISCUSSION: WATER/LEAD: **President Priester** recognized **Marshand Crisler**, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, who provided information regarding a stakeholder's meeting that **Mayor Yarber** attended. **Mr. Crisler** stated that the water supply at the water facility is safe.

President Priester recognized **Kishia Powell**, Director of Public Works, who provided Council with responses to frequently asked questions. **Director Powell** stated that 58 samples were initially collected and of those, 13 samples exceeded the action level.

President Priester recognized **Council Member Stamps**, who requested that all homes within the areas where lead was detected be tested and a solution to help assist the affected residents.

Director Powell stated that the City has Trilogy engineers on board to review the data and design the upgrades at the plant. **Ms. Powell** also stated that the engineer has to develop the erosion control study for the distribution system. The City staff would possibly take the samples to the lab to be analyzed and the engineer access the samples in an effort to reduce cost.

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Council Member Stokes left the meeting at 2:46 p.m.

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**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI IN
SUPPORT OF DECLARING A CIVIL EMERGENCY AS IT RELATES TO
EFFORTS TO REDUCE LEAD AND COPPER LEVELS IN ALL RESIDENTIAL
WATER.**

WHEREAS, the governing authorities of the City of Jackson, Mississippi are authorized to declare civil emergencies for public safety and good order of its citizenry, pursuant to the authority vested under Section 45-17-1, *et seq.*, and Section 33-15-1, *et seq.*, of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended; and

WHEREAS, the Mississippi State Department of Health recently confirmed that water tests conducted in July of 2015 in Jackson, Mississippi from 13 of its 58-residence sample detected lead levels between 0.017 and 0.02 — above the federal action level of 0.015.; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of Jackson, Mississippi finds that extraordinary measures must be taken to protect public health and safety of the community, especially to address the physical and mental health needs of children, pregnant women and families potentially impacted by lead-contaminated water; and

WHEREAS, in certain circumstances where lead contamination is an issue, the State and/or Federal regulatory agencies collect drinking water samples, conducts an analysis of the samples, share results with individual homeowners and posts results on a publicly accessible website; and

WHEREAS, in certain instances where lead contamination is an issue, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) may allow participants to use WIC vouchers for ready-to-feed infant formula, which does not need to be mixed with water. Participants may also be allowed to swap powdered formula for ready-to-feed formulas. Participants may be referred to the health department for lead screenings and provided nutrition education on mitigating lead absorption through dietary changes; and

WHEREAS, in certain instances where lead contamination is an issue, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services assists families in obtaining screening for their children; and

WHEREAS, in certain instances where lead contamination is an issue, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) works with the city on economic development and interagency coordination and assists the city with the purchase and installation of water filters.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of Jackson, Mississippi fully supports declaring a civil emergency and supports efforts to secure the assistance of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and other agencies to ensure that all the residents of City of Jackson have access to safe drinking water.

Council Member Stamps moved adoption; **Council Member Foote** seconded.

President Priester recognized **Council Member Foote** who moved and **Council Member Stamps** seconded to amend to add the following:

WHEREAS, these extraordinary measures include: 1) Test all homes within ¼ mile of the affected areas; 2) Increase testing from 100 tests per six (6) months to 100 tests per month; and 3) Request the assistance in handling matters with this emergency from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Mississippi Department of Health and Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality.

The motion failed by the following vote:

Yeas- Foote and Stamps.

Nays- Hendrix, Priester and Tillman.

Absent- Barrett-Simon and Stokes.

Thereafter, **President Priester** called for a vote on main motion:

Yeas- Stamps.

Nays- Foote, Hendrix, Priester and Tillman.

Absent- Barrett-Simon and Stokes.

Note: Said item failed due to a lack of majority vote.

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The following reports/announcements were provided during the meeting:

- **Marshand Crisler** announced that the Mayor's Listening Tour would be held on March 1, 2016 at Callaway High School at 6:00 p.m.
- **Marshand Crisler** announced that the Mayor's Summer Employment Expo would be held on March 10, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at the center court of the Metrocenter Mall.
- **Council Member Stamps** announced that citizens having a desire to have their water tested may contact the Mississippi State Department of Health at (601) 576-7582.

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There being no further business to come before the City Council, it was unanimously voted to adjourn until the next Special Council Meeting to be held at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 10, 2016 and at 4:03 p.m., the Council stood adjourned.

ATTEST:

Kristi Moore
CITY CLERK

APPROVED:

[Signature], 3.21.16
MAYOR DATE
